

this bill. Sustained military operations, however, need approval from Congress. This is a principle firmly rooted in the Constitution, which stipulates that funding for our military should not extend beyond 2 years.

The PEACE Act would also set the standards for new military authorizations. For instance, each authorization would need to set a geographical scope on where military force can be used. A clear objective would need to be established for each authorization so that we know when victory is achieved, and the countries and groups that the U.S. is authorized to fight must be listed.

Additionally, the Departments of Defense and State would be charged with publishing an annual report on existing military operations for congressional review. This report will include information such as whether the military is meeting defined objectives, the number of casualties, and total costs.

Finally, the DOD and State Department will be required to brief Members of Congress on the contents of this report every 6 months.

It is never easy to decide between risking the lives of our troops or jeopardizing our national security. However, this is a decision that Members of Congress are elected to do, in large part because we are the body in this Federal Government that is closest to the people.

Military deployments that are accountable to the people are one thing that sets us apart as a nation to ensure that our fight is always for what is right. We owe it to our troops. We owe it to the American people.

REMEMBERING DONALD SCOTT OVERTON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to remember and honor Donald Scott Overton of Savannah, Georgia, who passed away on April 14 at the age of 89.

Scott served our country in the U.S. Army and trained to be a pilot toward the end of the Korean war, giving him a love for flying that he would have for the rest of his life.

Scott became an accomplished glider pilot and enjoyed building planes from a kit in his garage.

Everyone who knew Scott recognized his giving heart and love for adventure. With his wife and friends, Scott cruised to all the continents except Africa.

Professionally, Scott worked tirelessly as the president of the Arthur D. Crane Real Estate Development Company and owned numerous small water companies.

I am thankful for the immense impact that Scott had on our community, and I know his legacy will remain.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and all who knew him, during this most difficult time.

RECOGNIZING MICKEY STEPHENS

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Georgia Representative Mickey Stephens for his remarkable career in the Georgia General Assembly.

Mr. Stephens is a native of Savannah and a proud graduate of Savannah State College.

Mickey served one term in 2002 and was reelected in 2014 to the Georgia House, representing the 165th District.

As an educator, he was a great asset to Savannah High School, Shuman Middle School, and John W. Hubert Middle School. Additionally, Mickey served on the Savannah-Chatham County Board of Public Education and the Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Stephens is known throughout Georgia for his civic service, including his commitment to the community and his efforts in supporting the education of youth and adults.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. Stephens for all of his work to make Savannah a better place to live. Mr. Stephens is an inspiration to all of us about giving back to the community.

REMEMBERING JAMES "JIMMY" ALLEN PETREA

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to remember and honor the former mayor of Thunderbolt, Jimmy Petrea, who passed away on April 24 at the age of 74.

Jimmy spent his entire life serving others.

After graduating high school, Jimmy enlisted in the U.S. Navy to serve our country and went on to serve 3 years in Vietnam.

Jimmy was elected mayor of Thunderbolt in 1981 and was reelected for multiple terms until he resigned in 2005.

During his 24 years as mayor, Jimmy was highly regarded by his constituents as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication.

After a quarter-century of service to the town of Thunderbolt and the Coastal Empire, one cannot visit Georgia's First Congressional District without seeing the profound impacts Jimmy made for his community.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and all who knew him, during this most difficult time.

RECOGNIZING MARTIN BELL

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Martin Bell's remarkable career as general manager of the Okefenokee Swamp Park.

For the past 26 years, Martin Bell has welcomed guests from around the world to experience the wonders of the Okefenokee Swamp.

Known as an intensely creative and hardworking leader, Mr. Bell's accomplishments are impressive.

Under Mr. Bell's management, many projects were completed to support the park's growth and sustainable future. Some of Mr. Bell's more notable accomplishments include the establishment of the Okefenokee Railroad, the

launch of the holiday light show, the construction of the Cypress Cove annex and greenhouse, and the reopening of a water trail that had been closed for 40 years.

Through his stewardship, Mr. Bell has exposed the beauty of the Okefenokee Swamp Park to visitors from across the globe and built the park into our State's most desirable ecotourism and educational destination.

Mr. Bell's passion and leadership for the park will be missed by all of those, like me, who appreciate his steadfast stewardship.

CONDEMNING TERRORIST ACTS CONDUCTED BY HAMAS AGAINST ISRAEL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. GIMENEZ) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GIMENEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to strongly condemn the terrorist acts conducted by Hamas against the State of Israel.

These horrific scenes coming out of Jerusalem depict countless rockets being launched from Gaza with the intent to massacre innocent civilians. What we have seen of the Iron Dome's ability to intercept this high volume of rockets is truly remarkable. But unfortunately, some of these rockets are getting through, and that underscores Israel's security vulnerability. It reminds us why the United States must continue being an ally of Israel and why our commitment to Israel's sovereignty and independence is so crucial at a time of heightened regional hostility.

Quite frankly, I am surprised there haven't been more Members of this institution to extend their support for Israel. That is why, this week, I am introducing a resolution to not only condemn Hamas for these acts of terrorism but for Congress to signal its unwavering support to our strategic partner Israel and to the Jewish people.

I urge my colleagues to join me in this resolution.

RECOGNIZING PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOOD) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GOOD of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the incredible lifesaving care provided by pregnancy resource centers across the country.

Thanks to the 2,700 pregnancy resource centers in the United States, mothers looking for help, hope, and healing have a safe place they can turn to.

In my own district, Virginia's Fifth Congressional District, we have 10 outstanding centers where lives are saved and mothers are given new hope.

To recognize the exceptional work they do, I have introduced a resolution designating the week of November 8 as